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Hereas the Queens most excellent Maiestie finding by the auncient Records of both her Realmes of England and Ireland, and that in later times also in the reignes of her Highnes noble Progenitors, as her Grandfather, Father, Brother, and Sister, there was a difference alwaies between the monies currant in ech of her Highnes said Realmes: And in her Princely wisdom by experience doth finde, that being occasioned for the maintenance of her armie within this kingdome, to send ouer continually great and huge masses of her treasure, which by sinister means haue been transported into forraigne Realmes, contrarie to her Maiesties lawes therein prouided. And that the rebels of this her Realme haue gotten into their possession great quantities of her maiesties sterling monies, wherewith from forraigne parts they furnish themselves with powder, armes, munition, and all things necessarie: For reformation and redresse wherof her Maiestie in her Princely wisdom, and with the aduise of her most honourable priue Councell, hath thought fit and most best for the publicque good of both these her Maiesties Realmes of England and Ireland, to reduce the monies of this Realme vnto the same Standerd that formerly hath bene vsed. And therefore her Maiestie did by her late Proclamation of the xx. of May 1601. signifie her Princely pleasure, that these new monies now currant, should onely be currant and none other. And by the same did decree and call in all other monies whatsoeuer: willing and straightly charging and commaunding, that after the tenth of Iuly then next following, none should trade, commerce, vse, buy, or sell with anie of the said decreed monies, but onelie with these new monies of her Maiesties new Standerd. And that all the said decreed monies, as well of siluer & gold as old copper, should be accounted as bullion, and forthwith to be brought into her Maiesties Exchange according to her Highnesse said Proclamation, as by the said Proclamation more at large may appeare. But now for as much as the Merchants and others within this Realme, haue not nor doe obserue the said Proclamation, but do still trade, commerce, contract, buy and sell with the said decreed monies, and for their priuate gaine do keepe Exchanges amongst themselves, and do not bring in anie quantitie of the said decreed monies into her Maiesties said Exchange, according to her Highnesse said Proclamation, wherein they haue incurred the danger of such punishment which by her Maiesties prerogatiue roiall may be inflicted vpon them, which would be ouer heauie if the same were duly laid on the offenders. And for that it is crediblie enformed to her Maiestie and Councell in England, and to vs the Lord Deputie and Councell here, by the maister of the Exchange, that here in Dublin since the publishing of the said first Proclamation, there hath been brought into the said Exchange in Dublin about three score thousand pound of the new Standerd, for which Bills of Exchange haue been giuen here, (besides other great summes likewise of the said new Standerd giuen and exchanged by his ministers, at Corke, Gallway, and Carrickfergus) which by a probable estimation may amount to as much or more. And that there hath not been of the said decreed monies or bullion, brought into the said Exchange in Dublin according to the said Proclamation, so much as the summe of twentie pound. The which her Maiestie doth not take in good part, beeing meerlie contrarie to the tenor and true meaning of the said first Proclamation. On which behalfe we haue of late received two speciall letters from her maiestie, that we should by this new Proclamation declare and make knowne her Princelie pleasure, as well in confirmation of the substance of the said former Proclamation, as with these new additions and explanations to the same hereafter following. *viz.* That her Maiestie esteemes willeth and commandeth hereby, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, henceforth shall trafficque or trade with the said decreed monies or bullion, or make anie paiement of wages, fees, stipends, or debts, or shall vse in bargaining or anie other matter of trade, commercing, or dealing between partie and partie, for anie matter of agreement, contract, or condition whatsoeuer, directlie or indirectly, anie of the said decreed monies, or anie other monies or bullion whatsoeuer, contrarie to the forme and true meaning either of the said former or this present Proclamation. And that if anie person or persons whatsoeuer, after the publishing hereof, do or shall trafficque or trade with anie of the said decreed monies or bullion, or do or shall make anie payments of wages, fees, stipends, or debts, or shall vse in bargaining or anie other matter of trade, commercing, buying, selling, or dealing between partie and partie for anie matter of agreement, contract, or condition whatsoeuer, directlie or indirectly, anie of the said decreed monies or bullion whatsoeuer, contrarie to the forme and true meaning either of the said former or this present Proclamation, shall for his or their contempt be punished by imprisonment, and by such fyne as his contempt shall deserue, in the iudgement of the Lord Deputie or other Gouvernour generall of this Realme, and Councell of the same for the time being, and in the absence of the said L. Deputie or other Gouvernour by the Councell authorized in such absence, and by such other person & persons as by this Proclamation are hereafter limited & authorized. Prouided neuertheles that all Goldsmiths free of anie cittie or corporat towne within this Realme, may by way of trafficque receiue or exchange plate for plate, or anie other wrought gold or siluer, and vter the same for monie of this new Standerd. And that it shall be lawfull to all her Highnesse Magistrates or others her maiesties chiefe officers, as Maiors, Sheriffes, chiefe officers of corporate townes, and Iustices of Peace, that shall be informed of the paiement or receipt of anie such monies or bullion decreed, to seize vpon the same to her Maiesties vse, and shall bring the same into her Maiesties Exchange within thirtie daies next after such seizing, vpon paine of imprisonment, & such fyne to be imposed vpon him, as shall be thought fit by the L. Deputie or by the Councell authorized in his Lordships absence. And that euerie person giuing information of the paiement or receipt of anie such monies decreed or bullion, shall haue the one halfe of so much as shall be seized and adjudged for his paines, or the moitie of such fyne or fynes as shall be assessed vpon the said information, when the seizure cannot be made. And to be otherwise recompensed or preferred as it shall seem meet vnto vs, or to such person or persons before whom such information shall be made, according to this Proclamation, and according to the desert of the informer. And where in her Maiesties first Proclamation it was limited, that for euerie twentie shillings of the old decreed sterling monies brought into her Highnesse Exchange here, there should be allowed but one and twentie of the new currant monie, her Highnesse pleasure is, and from henceforth her Maiestie is pleased to allow for euery twentie shillings of the said old Standerd sterling monie, the summe of two and twentie shillings of these new monies, and so rateably & proportionablie according to the summe brought into the said Exchange: and in like rate for all gold & siluer or plate of the finenes of the sterling monie decreed, which shall be brought in according to the first Proclamation or this. And whereas in her Maiesties first Proclamation there was no expresse mention made of the gold monies or bullion of gold, nor of profit for bringing in of them into her Maiesties Exchange, although *in fine* it was contained, because thereby all monies are decreed in generall rearmes, (except those of the new Standerd) and offer made to receiue all monies, plate, or bullion of the finenes of the sterling or better (which Standerd sterling doth comprehend gold monie as well as siluer) yet for better explanation of her Maiesties meaning & true sence of the former Proclamation, we do by vertue of the said letters publish: That her Maiesties pleasure is, that for all monies either forraigne or of her Highnesse owne coine, plate, or bullion of gold, being of the finenesse aforesaid, which anie person shall bring to her Maiesties Exchange, that the maister of her Maiesties Exchange here and his Deputie or Deputies shall allow vpon the worth of euerie twentie shillings thereof not onely twentie shillings of the new Standerd monie, but also the ouerplus of two shillings for the same in the said new monie, and so rarably & proportionably according to the summe so brought in. And that further her Maiesties pleasure is, for such old base monie as shall be brought into her Maiesties said Exchange, there shall be allowed after the rate of twelue pence vpon the pound. And for that her Maiestie is informed that diuers persons of this Realme (especially merchants) vsing not plain & sincere meaning in the construction of the first Proclamation, do take hold of so much thereof as serueth for the exchange of the monies of the new Standerd for sterling to be deliuered in England, but do not according to the true scope & intent thereof, bring in anie sterling monies for monies of the new Standerd to be here vsed: Therefore her Maiesties pleasure is, that after the day of the publishing of this Proclamation, what person soeuer vsing the trade of merchandize, and all others (sauiug such as be or shall bee in her Maiesties pay or intertainment) within this kingdome, shall bring in anie monies of the new Standerd of this Realme into her Maiesties Exchange here, to receiue for the same monies sterling in England, shall withall deliuer in sterling monies into the Exchange, as much as one full fist part at the least, of the summe by him deliuered of the new monies to bee exchanged doth amount vnto, *viz.* in euery hundred pounds, twentie pounds sterling, siluer, gold, or plate of the finenes aforesaid to that value, & so rateably for anie greater or lesse summes, for which he shall haue his Bill directed into England to receiue there sterling for the same, for which sterling decreed monies or bullion so brought into the Exchange, he shall haue two shillings in the pound without deduction, and for the rest he shall pay twelue pence in the pound, according to the Proclamation. And for such as are or shall be in her Maiesties pay or intertainment, they may haue an exchange without putting in anie monie of the old sterling or bullion, of so much as their yearly entertainment doth amount vnto, so as they doe not exceed that proportion, first taking a corporall oath before the maister of the Exchange or his Deputie or Deputies, that the monie or bullion is his owne proper goods without fraud or collusion, & for anie other monies which shall not be of his entertainment, he to performe the tenor of this Proclamation as the merchants & others ought to doe. And if he or they shall not accordingly bring after that proportion of sterling monies, with the monies of the new Standerd, when he or they shall come to the Exchange, the maister of her Maiesties Exchange nor his Deputies shall not be bound to giue him Bills of Exchange according to her Maiesties first Proclamation. And for the preuenting of another fraud vsed by some merchants resorting to the Exchange aforesaid, who lend their names for other mens monies, or take vp monie vpon credit onelie to make profit by exchange thereof without trading in anie merchandize, but do indeed make the said Exchange (instituted by her Maiestie for the good of her subiects, taking her Highnesse pay here, and of the honest and true merchants dealing in trade of merchandize) a trade of priuate gaine: Her Maiesties pleasure therefore is, and so we do publish by this Proclamation, that al & euerie merchant (and none other) resorting to her Maiesties Exchange with monies of the new Standerd to be exchanged for sterling to be deliuered in England, shall bring a certificat from the Officers of her maiesties Custome-house where his goods were entred, what goods he entred there, and at what time, to the end thereby the maister of the Exchange & his Deputies may discern that he seeketh nothing but the returne of his owne monie, & is not a colourer of other mens monies. Also we do declare by this Proclamation, that her maiesties pleasure further is, that al & euerie passenger & passengers coming from England, do presently repaire to the Exchange, & deliuer to the Officers here such sterling monies as they brought with them, for monies currant within this kingdome. And if it be suspected that anie passengers or others do not deal trulie in the deliuerie of anie of the said sterling monie, that then her maiesties Officers of the said Exchange, with the Officers of her maiesties custome in the said Ports, may search them to see what sterling monies they haue, vntil they and euerie of them will take a voluntarie oath to open the truth, at the choice of any such merchant or merchants or of any other sort. And where it is likely that diuers offences will be committed contrary to the effect of this and the former Proclamation or anie one of them by persons offending therein, within remote places and provinces, which offences and offenders cannot so conueniently be called vpon hither before vs the L. Deputie & Councell, here to be inquired of, censured, & punished, as in those remote places, For remedie wherof, & for the more expedition of iustice in that behalfe, we do further publish, command, & authorize hereby in her maiesties name, that al & euerie offence and offences committed and done contrary to the true meaning & effect of this and the other Proclamation, within the seuerall provinces of *Mounster*, *Connought*, and *Ulster*, shall be informed, examined, censured and punished in maner & forme following, *viz.* such offences aforesaid as are or shall be committed within the province of *Mounster*, before & by the L. President and Councell of *Mounster* for the time being. And the like offences committed or to be committed within the province of *Connought*, before & by the chiefe Commissioner & Councell of *Connought* for the time being. And the like offences committed or to be committed within the remote parts of the province of *Ulster*, before and by the seuerall Gouvernours of *Carrickfergus*, *Loughfoyle*, and *Ballishannon*, for the time being, within their limits & iurisdictions. And that the said President and other person & persons authorized hereby to receive such information, shall from time to time as conueniently as they may, make their seuerall certificats to vs the L. Deputie & Councell here for the time being, or to the said Councell authorized in the absence of the L. Deputie, as aforesaid, what their proceedings shall be in that behalfe. Prouided alwaies, that if any person or persons shall seize any monie, bullion, or plate by vertue of this Proclamation, for any offence committed contrary to the forme of the same, shall after such seizure or cause of information giuen, preferre an information before the L. Deputie or other Gouvernour and Councell of this Realme for the time being, or before the priue Councell in the absence as aforesaid, or before such other person or persons, as by this Proclamation is seuerally limited & authorized to receiue such information in her Maiesties name, within thirtie daies after such seizure and offence committed: or otherwise, shall haue no benefit of any penalty laid down for any offence committed contrary to the forme of this Proclamation. Lastly, her Maiesties pleasure is, & so we do publish by this Proclamation, that where diuers covetous persons, as wel merchants, retailers, victuallers & such like, do by colour of this new Standerd monie, inhaunce the prices both of victuals & other necessaries, That therefore her Highnesse pleasure and commandement is, & so we do hereby declare in her Maiesties name, that all maiors & chiefe Officers of Corporations, & Clerks of the markets, & al other Iustices of Peace & other officers to whom it shall appertaine, do diligently and carefully looke to their offices & charge in this behalfe, as they will answere at their perills: Her maiesty taking it in very euill part, that this her Highnes purpose being intended for the generall good of the kingdome, should be thus perverted by some private persons for their private gaine. Giuen at her maiesties Caste of Dublin the ninth of Iune. 1602.

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God saue the queene.